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Subject: DISPLEASED with Microsoft Settlement

As a Web Systems Developer, I am very familiar with the technologies and issues at hand. I would like to weigh in and express my extreme displeasure and dismay over the proposed Microsoft settlement.

The settlement offers no real remedy to curb Microsoft's monopolistic behavior, and, quite frankly, would be a total waste of the tax dollars spent to prosecute the case. I am very disappointed with this proposed settlement and hope that the Justice Department takes notice of the 9 states that refuse to support it. These states are doing the only reasonable thing given Microsoft's history and the mountain of evidence against them.

Please do not let the current state of the tech economy influence decisions on basic fairness and justice. In fact, Microsoft's activities over the last 10 years have substantially stunted the growth of this industry. Without any real competition, the software that has been produced has been riddled with security holes and productivity sapping bugs. The voices of many truly innovative companies have been squashed, their ideas never born to market. The result is a blase fare of sustaining, yet hardly remarkable products.

Now is the time to breath new life into the technology sector and send a message about fair play and business ethics. Please shelve the current settlement proposal and draft one that imposes stricter penalties and restrictions on Microsoft.

Thank you,
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